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For: PLASMA PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND PLASMA)
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicants file this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time of filing this IDS. This IDS supplements the IDSs filed on November 19, 2003, October 27, 2004, and January 7, 2005.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement includes the following certification as specified by Section 1.97(e): the document listed in this IDS was first cited in a Chinese Office Action mailed by the Chinese Patent Office on September 16, 2005 in a counterpart Chinese application, and this IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO/SB/08 form.

Applicants point out that document JP 1-175740, listed in the Chinese Office Action, was already cited by Applicants in the IDS filed January 7, 2005, and therefore the listing and submission of this document is not repeated.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English document, Applicants enclose an English language translation of the Chinese Office Action, citing the document and setting forth its relevance.

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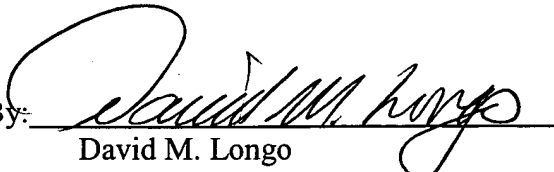
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